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Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government think that the other communities do not require this religious instruction?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It does not follow at all."

## Industries

*Disbandment of weaving parties.*

* 539 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) why weaving parties are disbanded; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to revive them in the near future?

*A.*—(*a*) The weaving parties were disbanded as a measure of retrenchment principally, because it was reported that the weavers had not come forward to benefit by the assistance which the parties offered.

(*b*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I ask whether the Government will consider the advisability of reviving these weaving parties?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Not until the finances improve substantially."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I enquire if other measures necessary for the relief of the condition of weavers are contemplated?"

The hon Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" This money is required for other expenditure."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" May I know whether the Government have investigated the reason why the weavers are unwilling to take advantage of the benefits which the parties offered?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is a matter which the weavers can answer better than the Government."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" May I know whether the Government is investigating into these reasons?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" We know the fact that they do not take interest in these matters."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the large number of weavers and their dependents do not require relief?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot answer a question like that offhand."